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New US Application in the name of

- Lino PIVA

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- Francesco CAERAN

Agent's Docket: 38297/GM/lp

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Transmitted herewith are the following papers for filing a new Application:

1. Specification and claims; Declaration/Power of Attorney duly signed December 5, 2003 and attached thereto;
2. Three drawings on strong paper accompanying the specification (M.P.E.P. 608.02-rev. 81);
3. Deposit Account order for Filing Fee: \$ 770.= dated December 10, 2003 (duplicate);
4. Deposit Account order for Assignment fee : \$ 40.= dated December 10, 2003;
5. Assignment of the Invention to: NORDICA S.p.A.
6. Submission of Exhibits as to lacking signature of 3rd Joint-Inventor Sante POLONI.

The priority of the here-under listed Application is respectfully claimed:

– Italian Application No. TV2002A000153 filed December 18, 2002.

A Certified Copy of the above priority Application is attached hereto.

Please place of record in the file the enclosed papers and kindly acknowledge receipt thereof; please readily collect the credit specified in the Deposit Account order, so as to allow the Application to receive the earliest possible filing date, however within:

DECEMBER 18, 2003.

Respectfully submitted



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Encls.:

- Spec./claims + Declaration/Power
- Formal drawings
- Filing Fee Dep. Acc. order (duplicate)
- Assignment + Cover sheet
- Certified Copy
- Submission of Exhibits as to lacking signature of 3rd Joint-Inventor Sante POLONI.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Patent Application of:

LARGE ENTITY

Inventor(s): Lino PIVA – Sante POLONI – Francesco CAERAN

For: "SPORTS SHOE"


Enclosed are:

- ☒ Three sheets of drawing on strong paper (M.P.E.P. 608.02 – rev. 81)
- ☒ An Assignment of the Invention to NORDICA S.p.A.
- ☒ A Certified Copy of an Italian Patent Application
- ☐ Associate Power of Attorney

| CLAIMS AS FILED | | | | | |
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| | (1) for | (2) number filed | (3) number extra | (4) rate | (5) basic fee \$ 770.= |
| | Total claims | 7 - 20 = | | x \$18.= | |
| | Independent claims | 1 - 3 = | | x \$86.= | |
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Milan, Italy
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Assignors : Lino PIVA – Sante POLONI – Francesco CAERAN
Assignee : NORDICA S.p.A.
Serial No. : still unknown
Filed : still unknown
For : “SPORTS SHOE”
Group No. : still unknown
Examiner : sill unknown

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sirs,

Since Declaration and Assignment concurrently submitted with the present Application are executed only by joint-inventors Lino PIVA and Francesco CAERAN but are lacking signature of 3rd joint-inventor Sante POLONI, this is to enclose Exhibits (A-E) whereby Sante POLONI was requested by Assignee NORDICA S.p.A. to also execute such documents. In fact, Sante POLONI, who meanwhile left the Company, was an employee bound to assign each and every invention to the employer.

Such duty is also supported by the fact that Italian Patent Application N. TV2002A000153 of December 18, 2002 , priority whereof is being claimed

in the present Application, has been originally filed in the name of the Company, as permitted by the Italian Patent law. The priority document is being submitted concurrently.

In support of the above, the following Exhibits are enclosed:

Exhibit A – Letter of NORDICA S.p.A. dated November 21, 2003 to the Agents, together with an English translation thereof;

Exhibit B – Copy of Registered A/R letter of October 30, 2003 from NORDICA S.p.A. to Sante POLONI, asking for execution of the forms, together with an English translation thereof;

Exhibit C – Copy of Registered A/R postcard attesting delivery of letter “Exhibit B” on November 4, 2003, together with an English translation thereof;

Exhibit D – Copy of Registered A.R. letter of November 11, 2003 from NORDICA S.p.A. to Sante POLONI, asking again for execution of the forms, together with an English translation thereof;

Exhibit E – Copy of Registered A.R. postcard attesting delivery of letter “Exhibit D” (presumably Nov. 18, 2003), together with an English translation thereof.

Agent for the Assignee is confident that the above submissions will be deemed to be sufficient for supporting the efforts made by the Assignee in order to have the forms executed by 3rd joint-inventor Sante POLONI.

However, should the PTO deem that anything further is needed, Assignee is prepared to submit whatever further evidence which might be requested.

Respectfully submitted



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Milan, Italy – December 11, 2003